



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

Agricultural Weather Highlights - Thursday - May 16, 2002

- C ***In the West***, unfavorably warm, dry weather persists along the ***Pacific Coast*** and much of the ***Southwest***. Isolated showers have developed in the ***Rocky Mountains***, but coverage is not broad enough to significantly improve irrigation reserves.
- C ***On the Plains***, locally heavy rain fell overnight in ***eastern Kansas and Nebraska*** but missed parched hard red winter wheat areas in the ***southern High Plains***. Light rain and snow showers are overspreading the ***Dakotas*** but ***Montana*** remains cold and dry.
- C ***In the Corn Belt***, continuing rain causes some flooding in ***northern Missouri***. Moisture for germination and establishment of corn and soybeans ranges from adequate to excessive, with fieldwork delays from chronic wetness continuing in the ***Ohio Valley***.
- C ***In the South***, thunderstorms are flaring up over ***Texas***, bringing isolated relief from recent warmth and dryness. Warm, dry weather persists from ***eastern Texas to the southern Atlantic States***.

Outlook: A cold front will bring showers to the ***Corn Belt and New England States***. Farther south, widespread rain will develop across the ***central high Plains*** before moving into the ***central and southern Plains, Delta, Southeast, and Mid Atlantic***. The weekend will feature dry but unseasonably cold weather in the ***Midwest, Mid Atlantic, and New England States***, while showers are possible in the ***high Plains and southern Rockies***. Wet weather will be on the increase in the ***Pacific Northwest*** and along the ***Pacific Coast***, while the ***Great Basin*** remain dry. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for May 21-25 forecasts below-normal temperatures for the ***West Coast, Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic, and Northeast***, while above-normal temperatures are expected for the ***southern half of the Plains and western Gulf Coast***. Above-normal precipitation is forecast for the ***Pacific Northwest, northern California, and northern Rockies***. Below-normal precipitation is anticipated for the ***southern Rockies, south-central Plains, Southeast, and the Atlantic Coast states***.

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